

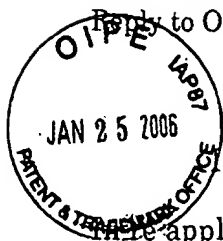
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Communications Method, Common Key  
Generator, Cryptographic  
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